

ONLINE MEETING MINUTES - Dec. 7, 2014

Ludivine_Laperrière joined.
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Bob joined.
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m_carlson joined.
m_carlson left.
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Bob gonna be hard to have meeting if none of the show committee are here!

Ludivine_Laperrière Well, I saw the announcement on FB,,,

Ludivine_Laperrière I am acting as proxy for Diego Aguilar Beauregard.

Ludivine_Laperrière They probably have an hard time to connect...
JJ_Veale joined.

Ludivine_Laperrière Who is the Show Committee?

Bob I would have to look at the transcript from last spring's meeting. I threw away the paper I had it writtne on.

JJ_Veale Babs, Kelly, Andrew, Mardi, Stephen, Autumn

JJ_Veale At least that's whats on the webpage and i think it's updated

JJ_Veale I am Mardi's proxy

Bob what was the result of your survey, JJ?

JJ_Veale The overall winner was Ohio Mini Convention.

JJ_Veale Sedalia, MO was also a favorite, followed by WCC.

JJ_Veale Jen Williams had done leg work on Texas hosting but it wasn't submitted to me so I didn't have it on the survey.

JJ_Veale My personal opinion is that it makes sense to do it at Ohio Mini Convention this year... But I would very much like WCC to host it in 2017 (we'd say 2016 but ARBA nationals is in San Diego that year so maybe that's too much western?

Ludivine_Laperrière Andrew wont make it, he is on the road right now...

JJ_Veale Do we need to have the show committee present to make a decision?
Andrew Evans: would vote for the place that can reaches the maximum of

Ludivine_Laperrière entrees and his judges recommendation would be Rusty West or Tex Thomas.

Ludivine_Laperrière Westoff

Ludivine_Laperrière Today is the day, so we are going to make a decision... ;)

JJ_Veale The greatest number of breeders is in Indiana.

Ludivine_Laperrière Andrew Evans: Ohio

JJ_Veale If everyone in that area tends to go to Ohio Mini Convention then it should be there. But there's got to be a point person who will manage it once there.

Ludivine_Laperrière Me and Diego: Sedalia, MO

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JJ_Veale I would not be able to attend either this year - that's ok though. I'm just one person.

JJ_Veale Ludivine - could you an Diego be point people for Sedalia?

Ludivine_Laperrière By point people, you mean, representatives? Sorry, I need translation sometimes...

m_carlson What would the date be for Sedalia?

JJ_Veale yes - that's what I mean. Someone who will be physically at the show who can be an organizer

JJ_Veale April 25 is sedalia

Ludivine_Laperrière Yes, we can do it.

Ludivine_Laperrière Yes.

JJ_Veale tex thomas and rusty westoff are already planning to be there I think, based on what was submitted.

Ludivine_Laperrière Tonna Thomas and Tex will as well.

Ludivine_Laperrière Tex Thomas manifested an interest in the breed since he saw the first Blanc de Hotot in the US (if I recall correctly).

JJ_Veale He's a great judge.

Ludivine_Laperrière He is a fantastic judge!

Bob Tex Thomas also said when he was head of the standards committee he wished Hotots would go away!

JJ_Veale really?!

Ludivine_Laperrière lol I did not know that

Bob he said it to the person I got my first Hotots from

Ludivine_Laperrière I know the breed, another white rabbit was not that welcome at first... did not change much we have to say, unfortunately. --

Bob we don't have a quorum of membership, and we have none of the show committee here. suggstiosn?

JJ_Veale Bob - what does it take to host a national show? Would we need a secretary? or does Sedalia offer that already?

Ludivine_Laperrière We have to make a decision.

Ludivine_Laperrière We cannot wait more longer.

Ludivine_Laperrière Most Clubs have already decided, and some people have their room booked already.

Bob Someone would have to secretary for the show, receive entries, and coordinate with the host show

Ludivine_Laperrière We cannot wait until after X-Mas.

Ludivine_Laperrière We can do it Diego and I.

Bob ARBA will have to be contacted for sanction numbers, and file the aftershow report to ARBA

JJ_Veale So... I'm in favor of Sedalia is Ludivine and/or Diego will be secretary and

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manage it. Although, to be truthful I feel guilty adding my two cents when I can't attend! :)

m_carlson I'm for Sedalia. I'll be there for marten nationals anyway.

Ludivine_Laperrière That is great Melissa!

JJ_Veale Then lets make it Sedalia for 2015!

Ludivine_Laperrière Bob, could you make it?

Ludivine_Laperrière I mean, will you be there as well?

Bob no, I can not attend. Too much time away from the agency

Ludivine_Laperrière Too bad, I would like to meet you in person one day.

JJ_Veale May I suggest we have a schedule?

JJ_Veale 2015: Sedalia, MO

JJ_Veale 2016: Texas (Jen Williams)

JJ_Veale 2017: West Coast Classic

Ludivine_Laperrière In my opinion, we should wait. I hope next year we will have more participants, so everybody will be "happy".

m_carlson Yes, start earlier on deciding but wait until more members are involved in the decision

Diego_Aguilar joined.

Bob is there a motion for 2015 Hotot National to be at Sedalia, MO?

Diego_Aguilar aye

Ludivine_Laperrière aye

m_carlson ate

JJ_Veale aye

Bob and your proxies?

JJ_Veale still aiting to hear!

JJ_Veale I believe Mardi will abstain because she can't attend. Hoping Jen Williams will respond in the next minute

Ludivine_Laperrière As I said, for Andrew it was either Ohio or "where we can reach the max entrees".

JJ_Veale She hasn't responded so I will have her abstain.

JJ_Veale Oops - she just responded Nay

JJ_Veale Jen Williams that is

Ludivine_Laperrière Unfortunately, I will have to go soon.

Bob Announce on FB pages and Yahoo mail group that the 2015 show in MO, Ludivine and Diego will be show secretary

Ludivine_Laperrière Roger that! I will contact Tonna Thomas.

JJ_Veale Sounds like a plan - Thank you Ludivine and Diego!

Ludivine_Laperrière Regarding the judge...

Ludivine_Laperrière WHO ARE WE TAKING?

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Diego_Aguilar true we need to decide on a judge
Diego_Aguilar motion to have Tex Thomas as judge
JJ_Veale Why don't we find out the list of judges that will be available there and do a vote?
babs_G joined.
Ludivine_Laperrière I am still good with Tex or Tonna, Rusty or Ted Deloyola if he is attending.
babs_G Hi sorry we had to lay a horse down
Ludivine_Laperrière OK, I will contact her and see...
Diego_Aguilar left.
Bob you will also need to get show sanctions from ARBA. The application is available online
Diego_Aguilar joined.
Ludivine_Laperrière Bob - OK, I will or Diego, contact you as well to make sure that we are covering everything.
Bob will need to get fees from Matthew for the sanctions
Bob or ask him to get the sanctions since he'll need to send them payment
babs_G Trying to get caught up. again I am sorry for the delay but the horse needed to get put down
Ludivine_Laperrière Anything else?
Diego_Aguilar i missed the judge part who is it finally
Bob that should about do it for now... The Seahawks are on!!!
Ludivine_Laperrière :)
JJ_Veale OK. When is the next club meeting? I have several things I'm making a list to try to add as agenda items :)
JJ_Veale Babs - sorry about your horse.
Ludivine_Laperrière I believe it is in February 2015???

Bob 2nd Sunday in February
babs_G Thanks. It was pretty awful
Diego_Aguilar anything we need to vote on through newsletter?
Diego_Aguilar judge for convention for instance
Diego_Aguilar just a suggestion
Bob too late for judge for convention. Was to be submitted at the last convention. Will have to take what is available

JJ_Veale I have been reading the constitution and I'm aware we should be having announcements of elections... Several months before the meeting in fact.
JJ_Veale For the record, I'm not interested in running for anything! :) I just want to be a supporter and help things run smoothly.
Ludivine_Laperrière Yes, but are like Haiti right now... delaying elections...
JJ_Veale I'm a rule-follower and I love PROCESS!

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Diego_Aguilar left.

Ludivine_Laperrière I will see what I can do in the newsletter...

JJ_Veale So I'm not sure when we would like to start following the Constitution a little more closely.

JJ_Veale :)

Ludivine_Laperrière I will contact Bob before sending it and see the different options that we have regarding officials.

Diego_Aguilar joined.

Ludivine_Laperrière I can either ask for people to give me their names if they want to hold a position and made subsequent ballot or something.

JJ_Veale Sounds good.

Ludivine_Laperrière ... in the following newsletter.

JJ_Veale The Constitution suggests (ina perfect world) that candidates come forward in August and are voted on to assume responsibility Jan 1.

Ludivine_Laperrière Of course, this should normally be something done at Convention...

Ludivine_Laperrière I believe they are supposed to be voted for at Convention.

m_carlson Which positions will be open this year?

JJ_Veale Well, which year? we should have elected President in 2014.

JJ_Veale If we wait until 2015 and our next meeting it would be vice president

JJ_Veale Secretary-Treasurer should also have been in 2014.

JJ_Veale it's President & two directors on even years and VP and 2 directors on odd. (Sec.-Treas is appointed by exec committee on even years)

JJ_Veale But I'm a little confused because we actually have nine directors.

JJ_Veale So I don't know which are assigned to which years?

JJ_Veale I supposed we could say the even numbered districts are even years and vice versa! :)

Ludivine_Laperrière I have to go but JJ, Melissa, Bob or anybody, please send me your suggestions or ideas... I will try to publish a plan in Jan newsletter...

Ludivine_Laperrière It is going to be sent electronically on the first.

JJ_Veale Excellent

JJ_Veale With our current constitution we only have Bob and Kelly who are qualified to be president so I kind of feel like 2014 is a moot point. :) But we should be discussing 2015?

JJ_Veale anyone?

m_carlson Is Barb Semb qualified?

JJ_Veale Don't think so. I'll get the constitutional qualifications.

Ludivine_Laperrière I am leaving - Bob, could you send me the minutes please?

Bob ok

JJ_Veale Ug - can't copy and paste Give me a minue

Ludivine_Laperrière Thank you! Have a great evening.

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m_carlson She has been a director for a couple of years and has raising hotot for years.
Ludivine_Laperrière left.

JJ_Veale Candidates for president must have raised hotot and been a member of this organization for a minimum of five years and served on the executive committee for a minimum of two years prior to running for the office

JJ_Veale I know Bob has expressed a desire to step away from the presidency and just focus on loving his hotot. :) But unless we have a constitutional amendment we're in a bit of a pickle!

JJ_Veale So my suggestion is to have a consitutional amendment and try to come up with less restrictive requirements for office, considering we have many newer members who would like to be involved.

JJ_Veale (although I actually really like the idea of longevity with the breed... I just know that we are a small group and many may feel burned out.)

m_carlson But I understand why they made the requirement because most breeders don't stay in long. You don't want a president that disappears tomorrow.

JJ_Veale absolutely.

JJ_Veale It's a problem. But the Executive committee qualification is the biggest issue in my mind. Those positions have been unfilled off and on. So the pool of people who meet the requirement is very small.

JJ_Veale I want to be clear I REALLY appreciate those who have dedicated their time to keep everything running. This isn't a personal attack when I am suggesting changes!

JJ_Veale I just see we have some challenges facing us as a club.

m_carlson We need to move forward as a club

JJ_Veale My thought is that I'll finish studying the Constitution and propose some amendments. Because I'm that kind of a nerd. :)

JJ_Veale But I'd love it if other people were to offer their suggestions. Right now I feel a little bit like a fly that won't go away.

m_carlson .Good luck on deciphering the Constitution. I couldn't understand parts of it.

JJ_Veale It's in need of clarification for sure.

JJ_Veale Those amendments could include adding clarity to confusing parts.

JJ_Veale I guess that can all happen at the February meeting though.

JJ_Veale I guess?

m_carlson I think this could be taken up by emailing privately before the meeting. Remember not everyone is on Facebook. People can give their ideas privately first.

JJ_Veale So is this something Matthew should head up as Sec-Treas? I have some hesitations about that given he's still recovering from a lengthy illness.

JJ_Veale There is no elections committee in place

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JJ_Veale should we ask Ludivine to put it in the newsletter?
m_carlson If she is willing to be a point person for people to contact with their ideas. It also would give her more input from people for the newsletter
JJ_Veale That's a good idea. I can send her my suggestions.
Diego_Aguilar btw there will be a specialty show too on top of the Nationals in Sedalia
JJ_Veale great!
JJ_Veale I am going to have to leave. I'll send Ludivine my suggestions. Thank you to all of you for putting up with me and my constant stream of ideas. :)
JJ_Veale left.
m_carlson Anything else we need to discuss or can we make a motion to end this meeting?
Bob make the motion
babs_G secondf
Bob favor?
m_carlson aye
Bob thank you all for coming! Wish more could have came
babs_G sorry i was too late
Bob you had important things that needed done... OK :)
m_carlson left.
Bob left.
babs_G left.
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